



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

May 31, 2026 | 11:00 am

GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. Janna Preston

Leader: In life and death we belong to God.

People: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

Leader: we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

People: whom alone we worship and serve.

*HYMN # 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

GRACE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Ginny Lyon

Merciful God, we confess that we are often proud, self-reliant, and slow to humble ourselves before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. You formed mountains and stretched out the skies, yet we still seek our own way. Forgive us, Lord, and shape us into people who reflect the humility of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we now silently confess . . .

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

OFFERING

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Rev. Preston | Tom Gaines, Personnel

*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

We're glad you are here!

Guests, please use the QR code to let us know you were here.



Members, please check in on your Church Center App.

A call to worship, typically drawn from sentences of Scripture, expresses God's invitation to gather as Christ's body in this place.

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

Passing the peace of Christ is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace for the good of neighbor and the glory of God.

Response offering:

These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God.

Online giving is available via this QR code and our Church Center App.



The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ. Our worship centers upon how God is revealed by the Word through teaching, reading, singing, and preaching. Where the Word is read and proclaimed, we believe Jesus Christ, the Living Word, is present by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Responding to the Word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. This **affirmation of faith** is drawn from sentences of Scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

GO: Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.

GROW

*PRAYER FOR DEVOTION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Emily Morris

(Children & Worship: Children ages four through first grade will leave for Children & Worship and may be picked up in the lower level of Spitzer building.)

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 7:7-11

Ginny Lyon

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #664

Morning Has Broken

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Apostles' Creed: Maker of Heaven and Earth

Rev. Janna Preston

HYMN (seated)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

GO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mark Lampley

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Ben Garris

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. **The charge calls the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world. The Service for the Lord's Day concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God, such as **the priestly blessing or apostolic benediction.****

*HYMN # 625

How Great Thou Art

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Maestoso

by G.B. Polleri

**Please stand as you are able.*

Sunday

- 8:30 A.M. - Nursery for 8:45 Service (Room 204)
8:45 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 A.M. - Sunday School
- Preschool Sunday School (Spitzer Main)
 - Elementary Sunday School (Spitzer Lower)
 - Middle School Sunday School (Room 311)
 - High School Sunday School (Room 302)
 - Bible Discovery (Room 318)
 - Faith Gathering (Room 319)
 - Adult Faith Practices (Room 322)
 - Adult Fellowship Class (Room 320)
 - Sojourners (Barron Hall or Tree Top)
- 10:30 A.M. - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary / Livestream)
5:00 P.M. - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Room 322)

Monday

- 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. - VBS (Barron Hall)
12:00 P.M. - Extreme VBS (Loft)

CALENDAR

Tuesday

- 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. - VBS (Barron Hall)
12:00 P.M. - Extreme VBS (Loft)

Wednesday

- 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. - VBS (Barron Hall)
10:30 A.M. - Dotterweich Bible Study (Room 302)
12:00 P.M. - Extreme VBS (Loft)
5:00 P.M. - LIFE Group-Gale/Kimmey (Room 319)
7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday

- 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. - VBS (Barron Hall)
8:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)
10:30 A.M. - Knitters & Stitchers (Room 320)
12:00 P.M. - Extreme VBS (Loft)

Friday

- 7:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)
9:00 A.M. - Extreme VBS (Barron Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES next Sunday morning are at 8:45am (Acoustic) in Barron Hall and 11:00am (Traditional) in the Sanctuary.

WELCOME to our guests today! Please use the QR code to learn more about our church. Contact Pastor Ben, bgarris@sequoyahchurch.org, with questions. Our next *Discover Sequoyah Gathering*, with an opportunity to join the church, will be June 14 at 9:45 in our Church Office Lobby.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Thank you for your patience as work continues to improve accessibility throughout our building. For regular updates check your Tuesday email "From the Pastor's Desk."

WORSHIP

TODAY WE CONTINUE our summer sermon series focusing on one of our twelve creeds: the Apostles' Creed. Exploring this ancient yet relevant creed will help us understand God and move from simply reciting it on Sunday mornings to celebrating the three persons of God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

SUMMER WORSHIP: Join us for one 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary **during the month of July.** Sunday School will meet from 9:00 until 9:45 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PLEASE WELCOME DEACONS Haley Adams, David Frey, Donna Kedrow, Mark Layne, Judy Luttrell, Alex Nicoll, and Keri Root, who begin their three-year terms on June 1.

SHPC TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY: Several members could use a lift to church or church events. Sharing a ride can also mean sharing some great conversations! Would you consider helping out? If so, email Janna at jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org and let the fun begin!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

MONTREAT: Save the date for our Church-Wide Retreat at Montreat Conference Center, April 23–25, 2027! Mark your calendars now for a special weekend of worship, fellowship, rest, and time together as a church family—more details and registration information will come this fall.

OUTREACH and MISSIONS

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP: Adults of all ages and accompanied teens are invited to help people in eastern Kentucky affected by last year's storms (October 4-10, 2026). The cost for the week is \$300 or \$50 per night. Use the QR code to register or for more information.



WAYS TO SERVE: Looking for a meaningful way to serve this summer? Check out the Serve page on your Church Center App to discover opportunities to care for neighbors and support our local mission partners and find a place where you can make a difference.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE: 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. Nursery/Childcare (Room 204); Extended Session (Room 220).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: 9:45-10:45 **Bible Discovery** (*John*), **Faith Gathering** (*Ephesians*), **Faith Practices** (guest speakers), **Adult Fellowship** (*Wrestling with Doubt*), **Sojourners** (Sunday Scripture).

EXTREME VBS SCHEDULE (weather permitting): Monday-Topgolf, Tuesday- Mrs. Dorothy's pool, Wednesday- Slick City indoor slide park, Thursday- The Cove, Friday- Dollywood.

FOR TODAY'S MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT, SHPC Personnel Committee wishes to acknowledge the many contributions of our church staff and their vital role in supporting the members of our congregation. Use QR code or your Church Center App to view staff individual bios.



Staff Members include: Shannon Catron (Communications Coordinator), Sonya Ewell (Office Coordinator), Becky Guyton (Ministry Coordinator), Katie Haynes (Children's Ministry Intern), Madi Howell (Director of Youth Ministries), Eunsuk Jung (Organist), Tony McBath (Sexton), Mary Emily Morris (Director of Children's Ministries), Eileen Preston (Accounting and Generosity Coordinator), Rev. Janna Preston (Minister for Congregational Care), Jeff Rose (Sexton), Andrew Skoog (Director of Music), Kate Smith (KidsPraise Choir Director), and Tim Thurston (Business Administrator); **SHEEP staff members:** Dottie Arnett (Director), Lauren Galyon (Administrative Assistant); **Nursery Workers:** Tiffany Allen, Adrienne Robinson, and Ashley Pruitt; **Audio/Visual Techs:** Alexander Delias, Matthew Hamby, and Haley McClure.



A Stephen Ministry Congregation